

REMARKS

Applicant submits that by the present Amendment and Remarks, this Application is placed in clear condition for immediate allowance. Specifically, by the present Amendment, claims 16, 19 and 20, the only claims that have been rejected and/or subject to objection, have been cancelled, leaving only allowed claims 1, 3 through 5 and 8 through 18. Accordingly, the present Amendment neither generates any new matter issue or generates any new issue for that matter, and clearly places the application in clear condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment and Remarks, and favorable consideration, are solicited pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

For completeness Applicant will address the issues raised in the Office Action of January 25, 2006.

The Examiner objected to claims 6 and 19 asserting perceived informalities.

Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 for lack of novelty as evidenced by Tanaka.

The above objection and rejection have been rendered moot by canceling claims 6, 19 and 20. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection and rejection is solicited.


In summary, claims 1, 3, 5, and 8 through 18, the only remaining claims, have been allowed. Accordingly, this application is in clear condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, solicited.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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